

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. - 25. Canceled

26. (Currently Amended) A communication device comprising:

    a baseband symbol generator;

    a dipole antenna;

        a power amplifier coupled to said dipole antenna, the power amplifier being configured to receive a first output of said baseband symbol generator from a signal path that includes a fractional-N sigma-delta modulator having a pre-emphasis filter, to receive a second output of the baseband symbol generator, and to amplify the first output with a gain that is controlled by a varying amplitude of the second output.

27. - 32. Canceled

33. (Previously Presented) The communication device of claim 26, wherein a transfer function of the pre-emphasis filter is optimized according to pre-defined optimization criteria.

34. (Previously Presented) The communication device of claim 33, wherein said transfer function of said pre-emphasis filter is a finite impulse response.

35. (Currently Amended) The communication device of claim 33, wherein said optimization criteria includes a mean squared error of an input to said pre-emphasis filter and an input to a voltage controlled oscillator of a fractional-N phase locked loop unit.

36. (Previously Presented) The communication device of claim 26, wherein said fractional-N sigma-delta modulator includes at least:

a sigma-delta converter coupled to the pre-emphasis filter; and  
a fractional-N phase locked loop unit coupled to an output of said sigma-delta converter,  
wherein a transfer function of said pre-emphasis filter is to be optimized according to predefined optimization criteria; and  
wherein said optimization criteria are related to an input to said pre-emphasis filter and are related to an input to a voltage controlled oscillator of the fractional-N phase locked loop unit.

37. (Previously Presented) The communication device of claim 36, wherein said transfer function is a finite impulse response.

38. (Previously Presented) The communication device of claim 36, wherein said transfer function is an infinite impulse response.